

Huron-Manistee National Forests
Mio Ranger District
Reissue the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Organizational Camp Special Use Permit
June, 2011

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, received a request from the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, a non-profit organization, for continued use and occupancy of National Forest System lands for an organizational camp on the Mio Ranger District. Their existing permit expires August 10, 2011. The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit has been permitted to operate the same organizational camp since 1974. The camp was originally established as the Saginaw YWCA camp in 1939. The improvements are privately owned. There are no requested changes to the scope or intensity of use. Any changes would be administrative changes to update the permit.

The camp operates from July through August providing outdoor recreation programs for children ages 7 – 15. It is also used occasionally throughout the year for weekend family retreats. A local caretaker services and maintains the camp year-round.

The camp is located off of Valley Road, a year-round, county maintained road, to a driveway accessing the camp. The camp is located on the north side of Echo (aka Bullhead) Lake in a portion of S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 23, T25N, R2E, Big Creek Township, Oscoda County, Michigan. The camp area is 11.9 acres for the main improvements; however, there are several temporary off-site activities that occur during camp and would be described in the operating plan.

If allowed, a 20-year authorization would be issued to use and occupy National Forest System lands for an organizational camp. An annual special-use fee will be charged for this authorization because the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit does not qualify for a fee waiver in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 251, section 57.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this road please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.